# Atmospheric Chemistry Modeling at NCAR Mary Barth ACOM/MMM

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### Atmospheric Chemistry Modeling Studies

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#### **Chemical Weather**

Prediction of ozone along a trajectory from Denver westward into mountains



#### **Understanding Processes Affecting Atmospheric Composition**



#### **Chemical Climate**

Geoengineering: AOD as function of time for SO<sub>2</sub> injection at 15N and 5 km above tropopause



### Current Atmospheric Chemistry Modeling at NCAR

Understanding the Chemistry in Detail

Generator of Explicit Chemistry and Kinetics of Organics in the Atmosphere (GECKO-A)

BOXMOX = box model with chemistry as represented in many 3-d chemistry transport models



Examining the Urban/Cloud to Regional Scales

Weather Research and Forecasting model coupled with Chemistry





#### Global Scale Impacts of Atmospheric Chemistry

Community Atmosphere Model with Chemistry

Whole Atmosphere Community Climate Model

## Model-Independent Chemistry Module (MICM)

• Same infrastructure for box models, regional-scale models, and global models



### Future Atmospheric Chemistry Modeling at NCAR



Ensures physical and transport processes affecting trace gases and aerosols are properly represented in physics routines

- Convective parameterization includes convective transport and wet deposition of trace gases and aerosols
- Cloud physics includes wet deposition of trace gases and aerosols
- PBL parameterization includes vertical mixing of trace gases and aerosols

MUSICA addresses this requirement (to some degree)

## Future Global-Scale Atmospheric Chemistry Modeling at NCAR

### Multiscale Infrastructure for Chemistry and Aerosols: MUSICA



#### Global Air Quality Model with Regional Refinement

(ensures physical and transport processes affecting trace gases and aerosols are properly represented in physics routines)

### Applications

- Air quality forecasts at weekly to seasonal scales
- Effects of global-scale phenomena (ENSO, MJO, ...) on local air quality
- Interactions between aerosols and weather/climate

